



City Hall
Alexandria, Virginia

Alexandria Waterfront Committee
Department of Recreations, Parks and Cultural Activities
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria Virginia 22314



March 22, 2010

The Honorable William D. Euille
Mayor of Alexandria
City Hall
301 King Street, Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille:

On behalf of the Alexandria Waterfront Committee, I would like to request your support of the resolution on the docket of City Council's March 23, 2010 meeting to permit the tall ship *Peacemaker* to dock at the City Marina for 22 days and waive associated docking fees.

At its March 16, 2010 meeting, the members of the Waterfront Committee voted unanimously to endorse the visit of the tall ship *Peacemaker* and urge City Council to support its docking request. The request will have a modest fiscal impact but will provide several benefits to City residents and visitors. Tall ships contribute to character of Old Town and Alexandria's historic seaport. During its three week port call, the *Peacemaker* will offer the public an opportunity learn about historic sailing vessels and sea trade free of charge. In the process, the ship will attract visitors to the Waterfront. During the *Peacemaker's* last visit to Alexandria in May 2009, pedestrian traffic at the City Marina increased 61 percent.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal, and we hope to join you in welcoming the *Peacemaker* to Alexandria in May.

Sincerely,

Nathan M. Macek, Chair
Alexandria Waterfront Committee

CC: Alexandria City Council
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